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Newsletter

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Week 45

This newsletter contains important information for
Community Pharmacy Kent owners and staff in Kent & Medway



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Kent LPC November 2024 Deadline tracker:

To download November 2024 Deadline Tracker please click [here](#).



On behalf of everyone here at the Kent LPC office and committee, we wish all our colleagues a very Happy Diwali! May this festival of lights bring joy, peace, and prosperity to you and your loved ones. We hope you find time to celebrate with family and friends.

Happy Diwali! 🧡 ✨

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Anyaegbuna".

Mark Anyaegbuna
CEO Community Pharmacy Kent (Kent LPC)



Community Pharmacy Kent (Kent LPC) update webinar

Dear colleagues,

We have scheduled an update webinar on Wednesday 20th November to hear from you and provide key important update.

Webinar details are as below

- Date: Wednesday 20th November 2024
- Time: 7.30pm-9pm

To join click this link: https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_ZmRiODRiOGMtMTk0Mi00NTUzLWI1YTYtN2Q5NmY5OWZmZDRj%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%225d6ba29e-40ce-481b-b82f-d26bcc71de77%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22f3543d24-c78f-4b40-9811-1584b60b3930%22%7d

Draft agenda

- ICB update- Primary care strategy overview
- Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) review
- Kent LPC update
- Day to day working of a PCN pharmacist

Please do make a special effort to attend. This is one of the ways we keep you updated and integrate our sector to the wider system.



CEO of Community Pharmacy Kent and CEO of NPA Visit

On Thursday 31st October, [Mark Anyaegbuna](#), CEO of Community Pharmacy Kent and [Paul Rees MBE](#), CEO of NPA, visited the main branch of Delmergate Pharmacy in Chatham, Kent.

A heartfelt thank you to Mr Jayesh Patel, owner, [Andrew Woolnough](#), Retail Sales and Business Support Manager, and the entire Delmergate team for the warm welcome and hospitality. During the visit, we discussed the pressing challenges currently facing community pharmacies and explored potential support measures to address these effectively. Mr. Patel also shared valuable insights, highlighting specific challenges impacting his Delmergate branches.

The pharmacy team is doing an outstanding job, serving the community with dedication and providing patients with quality advice to help improve their health. Thank you once again for the productive discussions and your commitment to advancing community pharmacy.



COVID-19 vaccination service procurement: re-opening of the Site Sign-up Process

Providers who wish to deliver the COVID-19 Vaccination Service from their healthcare premises from 1 April 2025 are now invited to submit a response through the [NHSBSA webpage](#).

Providers whose existing contracts expire in March 2025 will need to re-apply via this process to continue to provide the COVID-19 vaccination service. Providers whose contracts extend to 31 March 2026 do not need to re-apply. Single Practice PCNs can now apply through this process. Any provider who wishes to participate must read the guidance (which outlines key deadlines and processes) and contractual agreements available on the [NHS England website](#). **Responses are due by 11.59pm on 19 November 2024.**



Ask Your Pharmacist Week 4-11 November 2024

Ask Your Pharmacist week returns for 2024, running from **4-11 November**.

The theme of this year's annual awareness campaign is 'Professional and convenient healthcare, from your local pharmacy team'. It will highlight the skills and knowledge of community pharmacists and the wider pharmacy team, and their track record of safely delivering clinical services.

Pharmacies and pharmacy stakeholders can access a suite of free campaign materials on the [National Pharmacy Association's website](#).



Oriel 2026/27 Webinar links for information sessions from 7th November

South East Workforce transformation leads and NHS SE WT&E are putting on a series of webinars from next week to help explain the Oriel process and support community pharmacy contractors in the next round of Oriel programme submissions (window of which will open January 2025).

Please join one of the sessions below for a chance to hear about the process and have the opportunity to ask questions.

Thursday 7th November 6:30pm to 8pm

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 333 621 414 223

Passcode: YmKQ2Z

Tuesday 19th November 6:30pm to 8pm

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 389 675 865 211

Passcode: kLnBeL

Wednesday 27th November 1pm to 2pm

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 327 482 786 73

Passcode: mTAk9o



Flu Vaccines 2024/2025

The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) has made us aware that the Seqirus does not have any more aQIV available to order which is one of the first line vaccines recommended for people aged 65 and over.

GP practices and community pharmacies are reminded that they must make every effort to use the first line flu vaccines for eligible cohorts as recommended in [Flu vaccines for the 2024 to 2025 season](#) and set out in the [annual flu letter, as amended in June 2024](#).

If you have exhausted your supply of aQIV, but still have eligible patients over 65 years of age who have not been vaccinated, you should contact Sanofi to order QIV-HD vaccine. Alternatively, pharmacies should check with the patient's GP practice to see if they still have stock, and GP practices should check whether any local pharmacies have stock, and signpost patients accordingly. You should only offer QIVc when every attempt to use aQIV or QIV-HD has been exhausted.

The same requirements apply to people in younger at-risk groups, where QIVc should only be considered when every attempt to use QIVc or QIV-HD has been exhausted.

Please contact the Screening and Immunisation Team if you have any queries: phst@nhs.net.



Patient Group Directions (PGD) – updated NHS Specialist Pharmacy Service guidance

NHS Specialist Pharmacy Service has updated its [Introduction to PGDs guidance](#), setting out what a PGD is and how it is used in clinical practice. Key principles include:

- PGDs are not prescriptions
- Clinical judgement cannot be used to supply/administer a medicine outside the criteria in the PGD including:
 - Inclusion/exclusion criteria, e.g., age, gender etc.
 - Quantities supplied

The supply and/or administration of medicines under a PGD cannot be delegated; the whole episode of care must be undertaken by the healthcare practitioner operating under the PGD.

The 'ONE YOU KENT' logo in bold yellow capital letters on a teal background. The word 'YOU' is underlined.

NHS One You smokefree training - revised 2-day course date

Please be advised that the previously advertised date for the 2-day smokefree training has been rescheduled from February 2025 to:

14th and 16th January 2025

This training will be held at **NHS Trinity House, 110-120 Upper Pemberton, Kennington, Ashford TN25 4AZ.**

The course duration will be 09:30 to 16:30 each day with attendance required for both dates.

We apologise for the date change and Training will notify any pharmacy / practice that may have requested the original February date.

An updated flyer is attached along with the application form should you wish any one from your pharmacy or practice to be trained as a One You smokefree adviser.



Virtual Outcome

We confirm that **Community Pharmacy Kent** has renewed the **Virtual Outcomes Subscription** on behalf of all Kent LPC contractors for another year. This ensures that all **Kent & Medway pharmacy contractors** will continue to have **free access** to the extensive online library of training resources.

New Training Modules Available

Pharmacies in Kent and Medway can now access the following new online training modules:

- **Pharmacy First**
- **Fungal Infections**
- **Acne**

How to Access Virtual Outcomes Training

1. Visit [Virtual Outcomes Pharmacy Training](#).
 2. Enter your pharmacy's **F Code**.
 3. Select the training menu for the course you wish to view.
 4. Click "**Start Course**".
 5. Complete the registration form.
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